

### EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Constance Rhebergen on 4-12-2006.

The application has been amended as follows: In line <sup>20</sup>19 of claim 1 (the first line of indent (g)), change "a first fractionation tower" to --the first fractionation tower--☒ n  
the following line (line <sup>21</sup>20 of claim 1), change "tower, and the fractionation" to --tower ☒  
feed stream and a--☒

<sup>1, pg 17</sup>  
In line 26 of claim 1 (the first line of indent (i)), change "a fractionation tower" to --  
the fractionation tower--☒

<sup>23</sup>  
In claim 9, line 19 (the second line of indent (g)), change "tower, and the  
fractionation tower" to --tower feed stream, and a fractionation tower--☒

<sup>3, pg 19</sup>  
In line 25 of claim 9 (the first line of indent (i)), change "a fractionation tower" to --  
the fractionation tower--☒

<sup>7, pg 19</sup>  
In line 29 of claim 9 (the first line of indent (k)), change "a first" to --the first--☒

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: While absorber columns and fractionation columns are both known, no reference can be found

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